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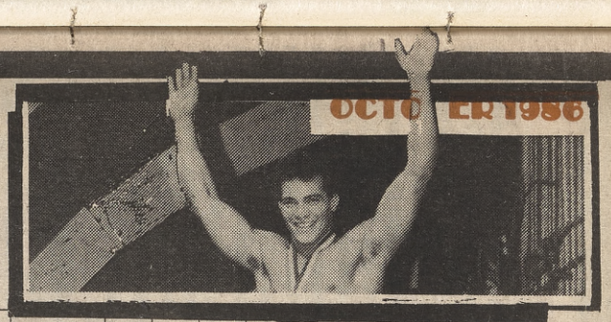

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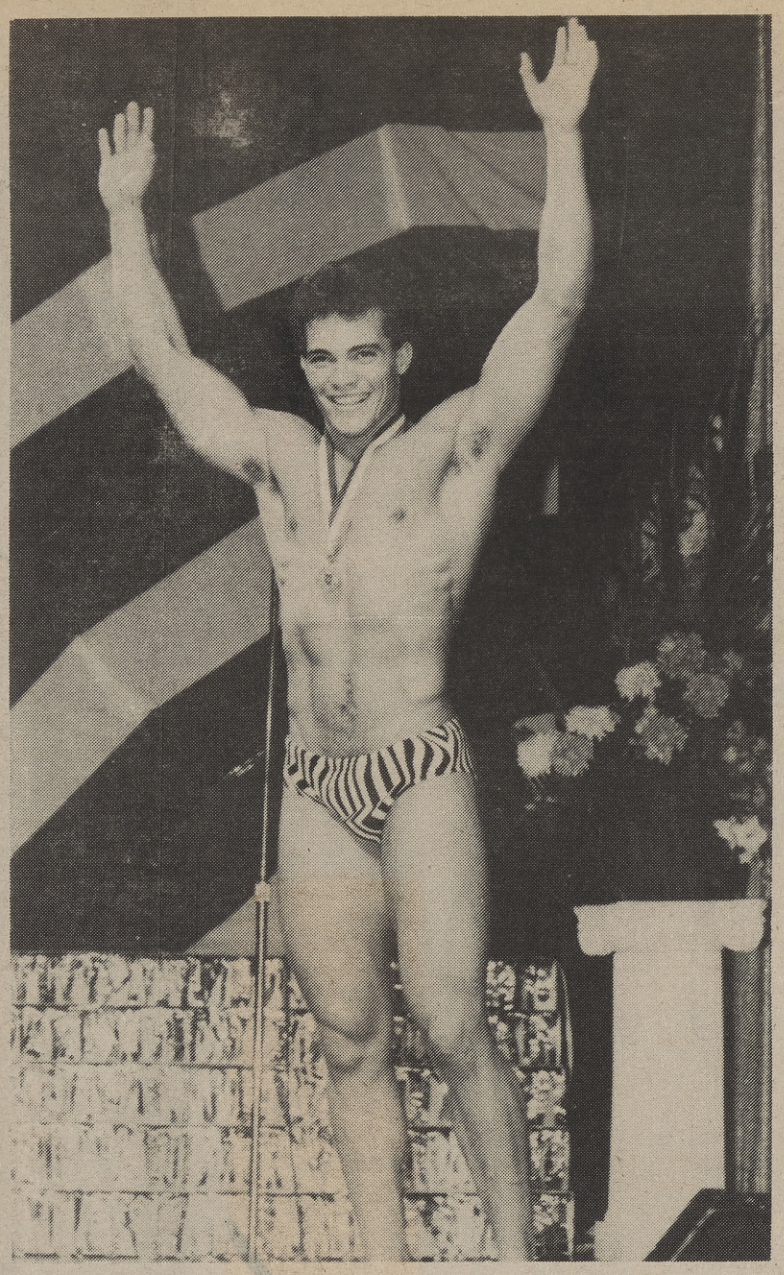

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NEW DRUG PROVIDES HOPE FOR AIDS VICTIMS

The 5-year battle against AIDS may finally be bearing fruit. US government health officials recently announced that a new drug, azidothymidine (AZT), appears to be so promising that they will make it available in the near future to thousands of AIDS patients.

"What we are discussing today is the first therapeutic agent that seems to hold promise for some AIDS patients," said Robert Windom, assistant secretary of health and head of the Public Health Service.

Although officials heralded the results of tests on human volunteers, they said uncertainties remain on possible toxic side effects, among them possible effects on bone marrow where white blood cells are produced.

The results of the tests were dramatic enough to warrant the immediate end of the initial tests, proceeding to more in-depth tests and an expedited review by the Food and Drug Administration that may lead to approval of the drug for sale by December or January.

A toll-free number that physicians and AIDS victims may call to inquire about AZT treatment is (800) 843-9388, seven days a week from 8 AM to midnight EDT.

AZT appears to work by inhibiting the reproduction of the AIDS virus. By slowing the virus, it may allow some regeneration of the T-4 lymphocytes, the disease-fighting white blood cells that are usually decimated by AIDS, leaving victims prey to opportunistic infections.

Although initial findings seem encouraging, AIDS researchers warned against exaggerted optimism about AZT. Windom emphasized: "We do not want to overpromise the thousands of people who now have AIDS." Scientists pointed out that the apparent benefits of AZT could turn out to be only temporary and that more serious side effects might occur with longer administration of the drug. Furthermore, AZT has so far been tested mainly in a limited sub-group of AIDs patients: those with pneumocystis carinii pneumonia. It is not yet known whether the drug will be helpful for AIDS patients suffering from Kaposi's sarcoma, for children with AIDS, or for people whose blood tests show that they have been infected with the virus but do not yet have any symptoms. The study did, however, suggest that people with the pre-AIDS symptoms known as AIDS-related complex, or ARC, seem to benefit from the drug.

FALWELL PAYS $8,982.90 FOR NASTY REMARK

Televangelist Jerry Falwell, leader of the Liberty Foundation and no lover of gay people, has paid the court award to a Sacramento man, Jerry Sloan, to whom he lost a lawsuit. Sloan received a check for $8,982.90 as his award in a $5000 suit that Falwell had appealed.

A three-judge Sacramento County Superior Court panel that rejected Falwell's appeal last June added attorney fees and sanctions for what it called "prosecuting this frivolous appeal."

Sloan based his suit on a statement that Falwell made during his Old Time Gospel Hour which he, Sloan, videotaped. Sloan said Falwell called the mostly gay Metropolitan Community Church "a brute beast, a violent satanic system which would one day be utterly annihilated and there would be a celebration in heaven."

Later, when Falwell appeared on "Look Who's Talking" on Sacramento's KCRA Channel 3, Sloan was a spectator. From the audience he asked if Falwell about the statement. Falwell denied it and said he would give Sloan $5000 if he could prove he had. Sloan produced the tape, but Falwell refused to pay. So Sloan sued and won.

2 NEW DRUGS SHOW PROMISE AGAINST AIDS

Two new synthetic drugs developed by two Georgia scientists appear to inhibit the growth of the AIDS virus in animals, but without the toxic side effects associated with the newly approved drug AZT.

The announcement about the two new drugs came two weeks after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved use of AZT. AZT is the first agent shown to improve survival rates and reduce symptoms among AIDS patients.

The two new drugs, CS-85 and ST, have been tried on human cells in test tubes, and in animals. They appear to block the spread of the AIDS virus from cell to cell without side effects.

Dr. Raymond Schinazi of Emory University presented the findings of his year-long study with Dr. Chung Chu of the University of Georgia to scientists at the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy held by the American Society for Microbiology in New Orleans.

Schinazi said that if the drug proves as versatile as early lab tests indicate, they could be used as preventive measures as well as in the treatment of AIDS victims in different stages of the breakdown of their immune systems.

Tests on mice have indicated the new drugs are 10 to 100 times less toxic to bone-marrow cells than the anti-viral agent AZT.

Schinazi and Chu said that the research on the two new drugs could possibly be expanded to include people within the next six months.

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IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN THIS WAY

by Ann Muller

The first time I heard of AIDS, it was still an unnamed "mystery disease." In the summer of 1982, a Chicago newspaper identified what even then was called "an epidemic that had stricken 355 people." Most were gay men who lived on the two coasts.

In the fall of 1982, my husband Herman and I planned to meet a friend for dinner in Paris. It was one of those unplanned travel coincidences; spending an evening together in Paris seemed a fun thing to do although the truth was we'd seldom met for dinner in Chicago. As it turned out, we didn't meet in Paris either. He made contact several days later than he'd planned; we were leaving the next morning and wanted to get to bed early. I remember he sounded annoyed the last time we spoke over the phone. Before we saw him again back in Chicago, he was dead. AIDS had moved closer to home.

Then Jason told his dad and me that he'd be moving to the East Coast after he finished school. This was not unexpected, nor did we oppose his plan. We did, though, express our fear about the high incidence of AIDS in New York City. He listened; he moved the week after graduation in the summer of 1983.

That same summer another newspaper story described how a Chicago man had told his mother he had Kaposi Sarcoma. Her reaction surprised him, he confided when we met. She was being strong, not hysterical as he had feared she might be. In fact, she had personally raised a large sum of money for AIDS research, and, importantly, they were in the process of pulling down the family wall of silence that had always surrounded his homosexuality.

I later learned from others that AIDS was one subject related to a son's same-sex orientation that many parents did acknowledge. Newspaper clippings were forwarded or telephone calls made: "Turn on channel nine. They're talking about something you'll be interested in." Recently, Donelin captured this concern and made us laugh at ourselves by drawing a cartoon of a son unwrapping a regular shipment of condoms from

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his mom.

At the 1984 Parents of Lesbians and Gays Christmas party in Chicago, a good friend quietly told me that her son was scheduled for a biopsy of swollen neck glands. Later, as we said goodbye, she leaned toward me with tears in her eyes and said, "I don't want to be the parent group's model for...." She couldn't finish the sentence. Nor could I.

In the fall of 1985, we waited ten hellish days with Jason for lab results; they turned out negative, the most positive news we could have received.

This past spring I completed the training and was accepted by Howard Brown Memorial Clinic as a support manager, a social service volunteer assigned to a person with AIDS. The new person in my life catches my heart. He is young. People who don't know us assume he is my son.

On June 14, 1986, I made this entry in my journal....

"I've had a frightening new thought. I wonder if something worked deep inside that led me to this training and this work to prepare me for working with Jason's death and dying. The thought scares me. I worry about Jason very much."

Part of my support-manager responsibility is to attend regular group meetings where my work is supervised by a mental health professional. I went to such a meeting on June 21 and later wrote this in my journal....

"There's a new man in our group. Today he talked about why he'd volunteered to do this work. He spoke of the usual reasons. Then he added that he'd also realized that part of his motivation for becoming involved in the project with its emphasis on death and dying was to help him accept the possibility that his parents, now in their sixties, may die without his having been able to resolve the issues that create distance between them.

"I was stunned. I told him at once of my own recent introspection about my son...."

We are both, of course, focused on the important parent-child relationship. It is, after all, the fundamental relationship of all our lives, the pattern from which others are cut. He and I just came to it from different generations.

And, finally, last night I spoke, undoubtedly for the last time, with a friend in San Francisco. His mother was with him, and I asked how she was coping. "It's hard on her," he answered, "it's not supposed to happen this way, you know."

Indeed it's not.

HOROSCOPES!

by Dr. Pat Larr

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): Hard on the heels of last month's whirlwind romance, a new love comes gushing into view. Lucky you!

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22): Jupiter aligns with Mars mid-month. Accidents are likely. Be careful; you wouldn't want to be rear-ended, now would you?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 20): You're hell bound for leather this month. Yes, a handsome stranger in black longs to tan your hide. You'll love it.

CAPRICORN (Dec 21-Jan 19): It's time to drag out your favorite drag and celebrate your favorite holiday. Halloween finds you the belle of many balls.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): A trick with a treat reaches into your bag of goodies Halloween night. You'll be licking his lollipop all night long.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): An old friend with a literary bent returns to tutor you. Yes, it's time to bone up on your Longfellow.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Beware of someone in a fright mask who tries to pick you up Halloween night. He may look the same in the morning.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): Time to get up the guts to speak to that handsome hunk you've loved from afar. The stars say you've got a lot in common.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You and your special friend finally end an on-going feud. Yes, you finally get something straight between you.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): Always the romantic on the lookout for a happy ending, but this month you discover a hot little number with a happy end. Enjoy!

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): A penetrating glance from a handsome guy really spooks you Halloween night. This trick is a treat. Go for it!

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): A full moon with Venus on the cusp signals heartbreak for Halloween. Yes, you'll be carrying a torch when you go trick or treat.

THREAD LINES

by G. W. Lee

Fall shows have been coming up with the most interesting and fresh new items to hit the market in some time. Here's a review of the most notable designers.

New to the scene (but who previously worked for Calvin Klein and YSL) is Bill Robinson. His premiere collection presented physique-flattering ziper turtlenecks, full-legged trousers that taper from the knee to the ankle, crewneck sweaters that botton at the shoulder, and sport coats with frog closures. Be watching his designer. I suspect he will be a strong influence in the years to come.

Tony Lambert, primarily a sweater designer, presents a whimsical collection of knit and woven sweaters using Native American themes. Standouts are tapestry-look sweaters, wood print moire shirts, sequined sweatshirts (yes, you read right, and for men!) in tiger, horse, and eagle motifs, and a handknit sweater combing smooth and nubby finishes to create a teepee scene of sky and desert sand.

Robert Stock, who received the Cutty Sark Award as outstanding US menswear designer, presents a fall collection inspired by the sophistication of the 30s and outdoor elegance of St. Moritz. Noteworthy are novelty sweaters, full-legged ski pants, diamond pattern dinner jackets, and shawl collar tuxedos. (Incidentally, the tux is celebrating its 100th birthday this year.)

Cutty Sark Award winner as the most promising US designer, Roger Baugh, says his collection combines function, fit, and consumer appeal. Baugh presents ribbed shouldered cardigans, suede and leather jackets, windowpane plaid trousers, and deep V-neck sweaters. Suits, in luxurious fabrics, nip at the waist and sport augmented shoulders to flatter a trim physique.

For the fall business look, keep these tips in mind. Racy or quiet plaids have come in from the country and are giving business suits a new look in classic ways. Subtle stripes enliven the navy suit without undermining its seriousness. Single breasted suits with notched lapels still speak best for businessmen. However, four or six buttoned double breasted suits with peaked lapels are fast becoming the most sophisticated business look. Rich fabrics and subtle patterns are the smartest looks, and pattern mixing calls attention to details. Shirts with small patterened ties offer the businessman the widest range of personal expression. And finally, impeccably tailored business suits call for suitably refined leather accessories to complete the total look.

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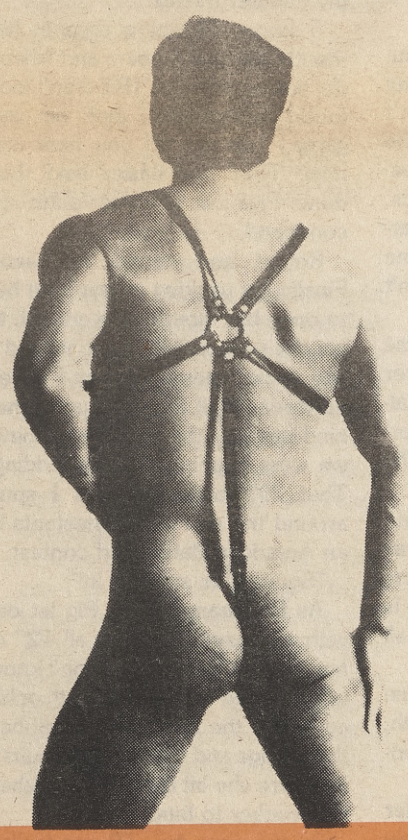

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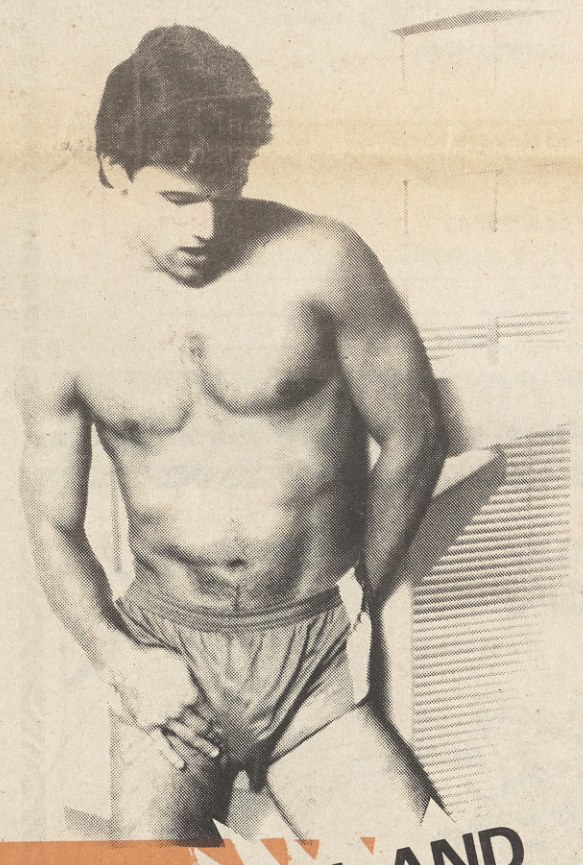

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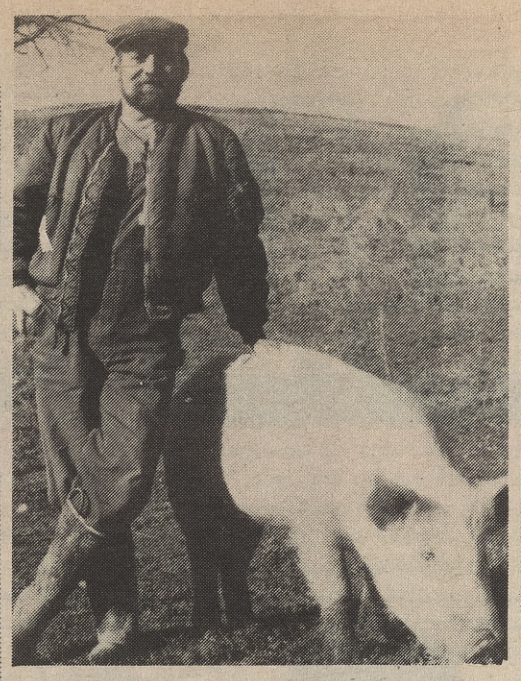

Letters From The Farm

by Lee Lawrence

We did it again! We gave a city fella a weekend he'll never forget.

When Bill arrived all he wanted was some "peace and quiet," so he spent his first day just unwinding and relaxing. The next morning when I went back to feed the horses, I knew something was wrong even before I got to the barn. Trail Pig didn't come to greet me snorting her usual, "Where's my breakfast?" She likes to stay with her horse friends, and that's how she got her name. She's traveled on more trail rides over the Clinch Mountain than the Indians. She was in her pen and did not look 100%.

"TP, you look awful; what's the matter?" I felt her forehead and it was hot. Not warm. I mean hot!

She looked up with her big, beautiful brown eyes now showing obvious discomfort, "I don't know...I feel like...terrible." She moaned. There she was in the presence of a bucket of cantalope rinds, eggshells, table scraps, and overripe vegetables—a veritable porcine gourmet pigout—and she couldn't have cared less.

I took her temperature. Anytime a pig lets you stick a thermometer up its butt, you are obviously dealing with a very sick pig. The mercury shot up to 107! Wow, Trail Pig is cooking from the inside out!

I raced back to the house and pulled Bill out of his reverie. He was sitting on the porch swing watching his toenails grow. "Bill, Trail Pig is sick. We've got to help her. I'll call the vet."

"OK, pardner, y'all jest tell me what t'do and ah'll do ma best." Oh, Geez, another city feller gone country overnight.

"Hey, Doc, my pig is sick. Her temp is about 107, and that's only because my thermometer won't go any higher. What do I do?"

"First, get her temperature down. Pour buckets of water over her-...give her a shot of antibiotics and get some bute into her. Mash up a tablet and mix it with honey and get it in her mouth."

Sounded simple enough. "Let's go, Bill. We've got our work cut out for us."

TP watched while Bill and I went to get water. I straddled the creek in order to dip out the water. Bill bent over to hold out the bucket. Simultaneously, my feet slipped in the water; I grabbed for the metal bucket and his butt hit the electric fence. You wanna see two dudes lose their 'butch'? Talk about screaming queens! You do not want to hear what we said to one another then. Well, maybe you do. But you ain't gonna.

Bill refused to go anywhere near the creek after that, so it was his job to wet down the pig. Here was a guy who had never been closer to a pig than a BLT on wholewheat toast chasing around a pen trying to pour water on TP's back. The ground got muddier with each bucket, and at one point he looked down at his imported Italian loafers now half submerged, and I do believe there were tears in his eyes.

Many buckets later TP's temp was down, and it was time to get the bute in her.

"How do you get a pig to take its medicine?" he asked innocently.

"How the hell do I know?"

I put the medicine mixture in a big syringe and tried to get her to open her dainty mouth. Definitely one of my dumber moves.

"I know, I'll put a rope in her mouth and pull it open; and when I do, you squirt it in." (Bill didn't look toooo enthusiastic, but he was game.) Let me tell you here and now: That was easier said than done. Pigs just don't go "ahhh" on command.

Round and round we went. Finally, by yanking an ear I got her to open her mouth wide enough to get the rope in. We went around a few more times, and then I pulled upwards. Trail Pig went up on her hind legs; and the next thing I knew, we were dancing. I'm not kidding! That 200-pound pig and I spun around the pen like contestants in an American Bandstand contest.

"Squirt it in, squirt it in!"

As Bill neared, Trail Pig let out with a squawl that sent all 6'2" of him against the far wall. I don't know which gaped wider, his mouth or his eyes. On the next spin, I grabbed the syringe and managed to squirt it in before she bit down and mashed that sucker to bits.

By the next day, TP was feeling much better, but bill looked like hell.

"What's the matter?"

"I don't know...I feel like terrible. I think I've got a fever."

"Here, take your temperature."

Bill put the thermometer under his tongue and sat back to await the results. Speaking around the tube in his mouth, he said jokingly, "Maybe I've got what the pig had." Then he asked, "Hey, where did you get this thermometer."

"From my pocket. Why?"

"This can't be the same thermometer you rammed up that pig's ass? Tell me it isn't. PLEASE!"

OK. It isn't."

It's times like this that the best thing you can do for a friend is to reassure him; besides, the day before I'd carefully wiped the damn thermometer off on my sleeve.

By the time Bill left, he was feeling fine. Trail Pig was doing great, and I'd made a note to remember to buy at least one more thermometer.

YOU CAN QUOTE ME IF YOU WANT. "The lessons best learned are the ones that are the most expensive." The impact of that hit me like a rock one weekend in September.

It was late afternoon, the first day of the football season. The outcome of the game was predicatible and I figured, even if I left, I could listen to it on the car radio anyway. I decided to head home where a package of scallops waiting for me in the fridge at home that I looked forward to having for dinner. But I had to stop somwhere and get some tartar sauce. So when I passed a supermarket, I turned into the parking lot.

First spot in the center row of spots was open; I had to back up a little in order to slip nto it, however. The problem was that a car had pulled in behind mine. So I motioned that I was preparing to back up and enter the slot, assuming that he would reverse his car and allow me to do so. He didn't.

I sat there for several seconds and waited. On the other side of the row, I saw several others spots, but by this time I was adamant; I wanted ***this*** one! So I waited, he honked his horn, and I sat there some more. Finally, realizing that he wasn't going to be courteous, I drove around to the other side and pulled into the slot I'd seen earlier and pulled in. I was fuming.

By the time I got out of my car, he had also found a parking spot, emerged from his car, and was coming toward me with a scowl on his face. That was when I let my aggressiveness overcome my better sense; I yelled, "What in the hell is your problem?"

He approached me bodily and shoved his chest against mine. "What in the hell is ***your*** problem, asshole? And whatever it is, if you want to do something about it, come on!" Then he took a swing at me.

I didn't really think about it. By this time, my proverbial dander was up and I threw a fist across his jaw. It was then that I ***really*** looked at him, as he began to growl. He was about five ten or so, but weighed about fifty to seventy-five pounds more than my one sixty-five. He was dressed in dirty jeans and a ragged t-shirt, he wasn't shaved, and he looked ***mean!*** I thought better about my impulsive act, turned and ran toward the store. I could hear him hot on my heels.

I ran in, skidded around a checkout stand, yelled at the clerk to call the police and continued to try to avoid the attacker. I shot a few glances around as I saw some security people approaching the area. I circled some more unoccupied checkout aisles and, as the employees came closer, slowed imperceptively. That's when the man charged me and threw me back against some things stacked along the wall by the window.

A cloud of staff and security people rained on the area. Thank God, I thought...until the uniformed officer wrapped a hard arm around my neck and choked me. That wasn't in the plot! I began to scream and try to extract myself from his grip. A heavy store clerk grapped with me and started pulling me toward the front door. ***That*** wasn't in the plot either! The man who'd attacked me was out there and God knows how far these people's responsibilit- stretched. I wasn't going out there!

I resisted long enough to have them take me in the back room of the store and sit me in a chair. I figured they were going to let me relax until they had the other man depart the parking lot. I thought wrong.

The head uniformed security man started interrogating me like I was a thief or a vandal or something. I couldn't get it through this man's head that I wasn't the one who had started this whole fiasco and I refused to be treated like some criminal! He insisted that I was going to answer his questions or answer those from the police. "Fine," I said, "because I have no responsibility to sit still for your gestapo techniques." I was not going to

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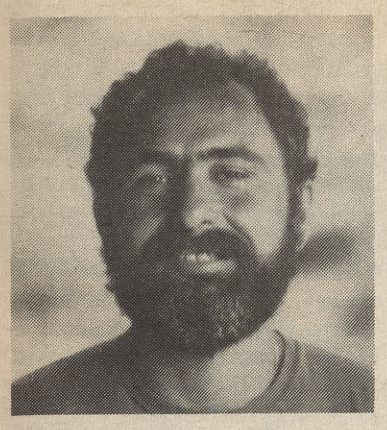

That's Fairly Interesting

by Frank Batey

Televangelist Marion G. "Pat" Robertson is buying (actually "selling") time before making it official that he's running for President in 1988. Once he officially announces his candidacy, Robertson will have to leave as host of the Christian Broadcast Network's 700 Club or give other Presidential hopefuls equal time. Right now, Robertson needs the cash flow his 700 Club produces for him. And he's collecting big off his "non-profit" status.

Robertson is probably the most threatening presidential candidate to the minorities who make up the real majority in the U.S. Former 700 Club producer, Gerald Straub, claims that Robertson "is a threat to all free-thinking, freedom-loving Americans who respect the dignity of humanity and who desire to live in peace and harmony with one another and with the world."

Straub's insightful account of his experience with Robertson will be published later this year in his book, *Salvation for Sale: An Inside View of Pat Robertson's Ministry* (Prometheus Books).

Robertson, of course, is the televangelist who regularly heals hemmorhoids, hernias, homosexuals, and afflictions of the heart, colon, and spinal column. One 700 Club telecast featured a hound dog in Pebble Beach healed by some of the Robertson hocus-pocus. On another 700 Club program...live...the televangelist turned Hurricane Gloria away from the coast of Virginia. Preacher Pat has called gays "vomit."

All for money, of course. But if religious non-profit organizations were required by law to account for their enterprises as non-religious non-profit organizations are required to do, that might help separate the non-prophets from their profits...at everyone else's expense usually.

Shocking and hilarious information on faith healers, the Religious Reich, and other non-prophets and their old time medicine shows may be found in the quarterly magazine *Free Inquiry*. The magazine is published by the Council for Democratic and Secular Humanism. One year's subscription costs $18. You may write *Free Inquiry* at 3151 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14215.

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It may be a peaceful alternative to Shakespeare's suggestion about what to do with lawyers in Henry the Fourth: "First we must kill all the lawyers...."

Or you can vote next month! There are candidates and issues up for this fall's elections in every state which should be examined carefully. Get the candidates talking. Attend forums. Ask you own questions. Find out who it is behind the issues on your area's ballot. Hurry and register if you didn't vote in the last general election. Your life could depend on whether or not you vote in November.

Tala Sanning tells it like it is in this venerable verse sent in by the author himself and called:

A FREEDOM SONG

Oppressed people
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songbird;
but whether free or in a
cage;
the bird sings of its freedom

Freedom is its essence

Oppressed people
think and talk of freedom;
Freedom exists
wherever freedom is
thought about
talked about
sung about

Freedom is the essence of
Oppressed people

Thank you, Tala. We saw it first in the Patlar, readers. But A Freedom Song will be one of many pieces of art and verse included in a Gay American Indian Anthology being compiled for publication. Be watching this column for more information.

Study the issues and faces. Find out where the money's coming from before you decide how to vote-...THEN VOTE!!!

"AT WORK"

THE STRESS OF AIDS: HANDLING IT AT WORK

by Stephen Dolainski
and Stephen Husa

AIDS has brought fear and grief into our personal world and has created extraordinary stress for us in the workplace. Much of the AIDS-related stress we experience at work can be traced to three areas of concern: job security, dealing with co-workers, and insurance coverage.

Answers to the question "What can I do about it?" are not always immediately apparent. The issue of AIDS in the workplace is still largely uncharted territory for many companies. By finding some answers, we reduce our own stress, as well as help eliminate the fear and prejudice of others.

Job Security

Concerns about job security are very real. People with AIDS have been fired from their jobs; even people only suspected of having the disease have lost their jobs.

Fortunately, these incidents are infrequent in proportion to the number of known cases of AIDS. Most workers are still covered by either state or federal job discrimination laws, and increasingly, the nation's business community is becoming more sensitive to the human and legal problems of AIDS-related discrimination. Some companies, such as BankAmerica and Pacific Bell, have developed policy guidelines or support programs to help employees deal with catastrophic illnesses such as AIDS. More companies are providing educational and other resources to train managers to handle AIDS-related issues, according to the American Management Association (AMA). (The AMA has published an excellent briefing, "AIDS—The Workplace Issues." The booklet is available to non-members for $10; contact AMA, 212/586-8100.)

What steps can we take to protect ourselves?

The first step is recognizing where the danger lies. Ignorance—about how to handle the potentially

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be treated like anything other than what I was: a citizen being treated unfairly.

The cops arrived five minutes later and the female half of the team started her questions. Again I explained what had happened and gave them my name and driver's license number. Fortunately, they were more reasonable than the rent-a-cop had been; they were, if not sympathetic, understanding. When they received no "wants or warrants" back from the dispatcher, they released me and escorted me back to my car as they suggested that I do my shopping elsewhere. Whew, I thought, my problems were over...again, I was wrong.

Out of the parking lot, I was halfway into the intersection when I realized there was something wrong with the car, but I didn't actually know what. It wasn't until I came out of the little store across the street (which didn't have any tartar sauce) that I learned that the oaf who'd started the whole thing had stuck around and flattened one of my tires.

I sighed, shrugged, and bent to task of changing the tire. But that's when the man from the parking lot across the street walked by, smiled, and said, "I see you've got a flat tire. How sad." His grin was evil.

I glanced shortly up at him and went back to work on the wheel.

He spit and said, "If you want to keep up with this, here's something to make you think some more about it." He had a knife in his hand and stabbed it once twice three times in a tire on the front. Then he jumped the little wall there and escaped around the back.

It was then that two young men came by and asked me if I needed any assistance; I briefly outlined the situation, asked on if he would go inside and ask the clerk if he would call the police. He did so as his companion bent to see what he could do to help.

Things unfolded rather rapidly after that: The young man came back and said the clerk wouldn't call, but a passing police cruiser pulled in the parking lot just then, and the officers got out, another explanation followed, and the female cop said she'd go around the block to apprehend him. She returned moments later with him in the back seat. With a flashlight she searched the area behind the store for the article he'd used to puncture my tire. When she found it, she asked me if I wanted to swear out and sign a complaint on him for malicious mischief; but by then, all I had in mind was to get these tires fixed and get myself home! And, I thought, he had just the kind of mentality to try something more if he was arrested and charged, so what the hell? Why not drop it here? I shook my head and said no.

By the time I got home, three hours later, two new tires had cost me over a hundred dollars, the entire evening was wasted, and I could hardly walk from the bruises from this guy's attack. Except for the two young men helping me, it had been a thoroughly rotten evening! And it was a lesson well learned: Don't let your alligator mouth overload your canary ass; or, try to get along with people no matter what; or, a parking space is not worth much time and money; or, the satisfaction of getting your own way is not worth bruises, abrasions and pain (and I am beginning to realize how old I am getting!).

Now, a couple of days later and looking back, I realize the whole thing should not have happened and could easily have been avoided, and it'll be a cold day in hell before it happens again.

You can write Darin Micael Dark at the **Violet Moon Journal**, PO Box 1A, 9130 S.W. Oleson Rd., Portland, OR 97223. He'll welcome your letters and requests for information about his publication.Same copies are $1.50 and a SASE, subscriptions are $18 for one year, $32.50 for two. Ask about display ad rates.)

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disruptive effects of AIDS in the workplace, and about contagion and legal issues—is probably the greatest threat to job security.

Ignorance, and the fear it breeds, can only be combated with education. Keeping yourself well informed about the disease, particularly about its causes and transmission, prepares you to deal with others' fears.

Your self-education should not stop there. Unless you know where to turn for help, you will be unable to do anything about discrimination, ignorance, and fear among your co-workers, or about the unwillingness or inability of management to address these problems.

Mary Rowe, an adjunct professor at the Sloan School of Management at MIT, advises personally researching the educational or support programs already in place at other companies. That information, she suggests, can be presented as a model for your company. You can pass it along to management directly or by means of an anonymous letter but responsible letter from a concerned employee. Most companies would likely be receptive to a suggestion that could produce a more productive, stress-free work environment.

(Another way to encourage your company to conduct in-house education for managers and employees is to send for the AMA's briefing booklet and pass it along—anonymously if necessary—to the appropriate individual.)

Many regional, state and local health organizations offer printed educational information, speakers and information-exchange services. Gay or AIDS-related organizations, such as the Shanti Project in San Francisco (415/558-9644) and the National Gay Task Force in New York (212/741-5800) are also valuable resources. They can certainly provide you with information; a letter, or phone call from such a group might initiate action by your company management.

Dealing with Co-workers

Non-gay co-workers are not always as sensitive to the stress of AIDS as we might wish them to be. Increasing their awareness through education is a long-term process and not necessarily one that can be accomplished singlehandedly. There are times when a more immediate solution is needed.

One instance would be the occasion of a rumor about your or someone else's health. Regardless of how the rumor got started—a prolonged absence due to a non-AIDS-related illness, maliciousness—this situation needs to be defused immediately and directly. A frank but gentle discussion of the facts may be the most effective route. It may be necessary to request your manager's assistance, so be prepared to recommend resources if your manager feels unqualified to handle AIDS-related situations. A good place to start is "The Fear of AIDS," as article coauthored by Mary Rowe which appeared in the July-August issue of ***Harvard Business Review***. Targeted to management, the article outlines the issues, suggests courses of action and includes an excellent resource list.

The thoughtlessness of others—displayed by jokes and derogatory remarks—is a common source of stress at work. The only way to put an end to that irritation is to express your disapproval, which will probably be appreciated by others. A simple, polite request to refrain from thoughtlessness and bad taste does not jeopardize your discretion. Just make sure you're not guilty of the same offene at the expense of others.

Insurance

Specific questions about the adequateness of your group health and life insurance coverage should be directed to the appropriate individual at your company or to an insurance professional. But geneally speaking, if you are in good health and have adequate group coverage, you probably have little reason for concern. Even if you become sick and lose your job, new federal legislation (The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act—COBRA) guarantees "qualified employees...the option of continuing their (group health) coverage" for up to at least 18 months.

However, due to new AIDS-related underwriting guidelines adopted by some insurance companies, your insurability may come into question if, for example, you change jobs. Questions about pre-existing condition(s) may arive, and you would be wise to consult with a professional before taking any action that might change your status or insurability. One organization that can help answer AIDS-related insurance questions is Concerned Insurance Professionals for Human Rights (CIPHR), PO Box 691006, Los Angeles, CA 90069-9006.

William Tell Reviews:

This month, rather than review films available for rent, I've chosen to tell you about pornos that are purchased mainly through mail order. My examples will be films by Christopher Rage.

Some Rage films available by mail order include "Raunch I & II," "Manholes," and "Custom Tape No. 3." Rather than the usual vanilla sex, these films, literally provide something for everyone, from the bizarre to the arcane. In some cases, people with weak stomachs would be well advised to avoid viewing. These films are not mainstream porno.

One bit of advice. Be sure to purchase your Chris Rage films directly from their producer, a New York based company. Rage films are also sold through a Los Angeles based distributor. The LA films are watered won somewhat (west-coast standards?) and may not provide you with your money's worth.

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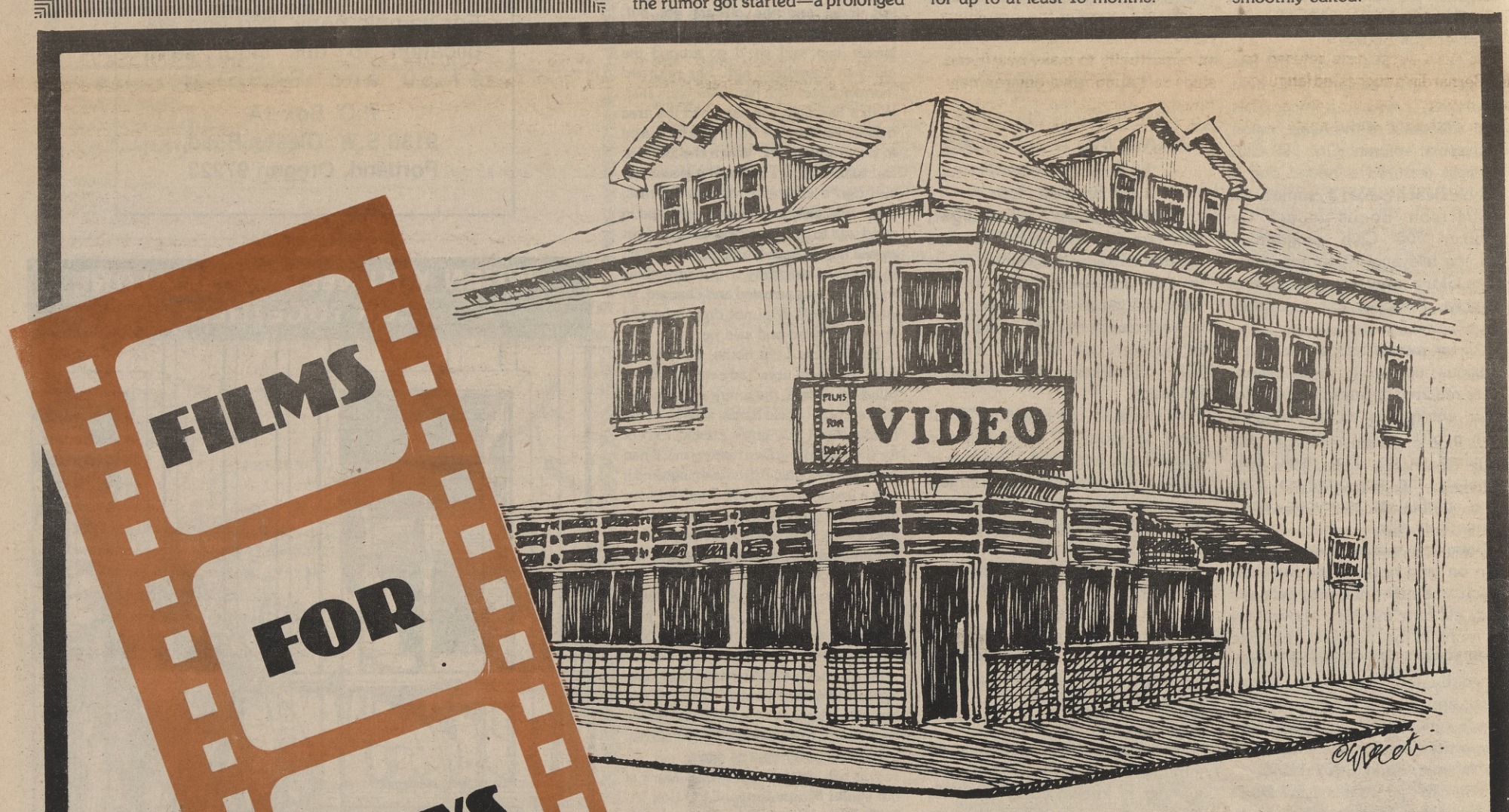

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The Chicago City Council recently voted down a proposed city gay-rights law, 30-18.

Until the day before voting was scheduled to take place, proponents of the bill to extend housing, employment, and other civil-rights protections to gay people expected a narrow victory. But the local Cardinal Joseph Bernardin came out with a shart statement criticizing the bill and calling homosexuality an "abomination."

Until that point, Bernardin had given the bill "tacit support," indicating that although homosexuality was considered a sin by the church, he supported the civil rights of all people.

After Bernardin's statement, legislative supporters of the bill attempted to reword the bill in a way that Bernardin would approve. But he indicated that he would accept only language that would allow the church to discriminate as it saw fit and would characterize homosexuality as an "abomination."

The bill's supporters refused to use Bernardin's suggested language and brought the bill before the Council where it was defeated.

SIOUX FALLS

The Sioux Empire Gay and Lesbian Coalition recently received a $3,950 grant from the Chicago Resources Center for an educational-awareness campaign.

The grant will fund the publication of four brochures covering coming-out questions, AIDS facts and safe-sex guidelines, sexually trasmitted diseases, and general information on homosexuality.

The Coalition will also increase frequency of *Together*, its publication, to bi-monthly. Also, advertisements will be run in local newspapers to publicize the availability of Coalition members as speakers. A fall workshop is also planned.

ATLANTA

BellSouth Advertising & Publishing Corporation, publisher of the Real Yellow Pages, recently amended its policy by removing any reference to refuse advertising to homosexuals.

"We have decided that specific reference (in our list of what we won't print) to this group of our society does not fit the needs of our advertisers and users any longer," said Neal Clay, manager of corporate information for the Atlanta-based corporation.

The Company says that as long as homosexual advertising meets the same standards as any other advertiser, advertisements can include the formerly restricted words "gay" and "lesbian."

COLUMBUS

Couples Together provides gay women and men in the Columbus area who are in relationships with an opportunity to make new friendships in a supportive environment. Future events include: Oct. 11, A session on legal issues for couples; Oct. 25, a Halloween party; Nov. 22, a progressive Thanksgiving Dinner; and Dec. 27, a Holiday Gala. For more information, call (614) 864-7679.

LANSING

The Lansing Association for Human Rights' (LAHR) October 14, 1986 meeting will include the annual election of LAHR officers for 1986-87 and will take a look at gay humor. There will be audio recordings of comedy routines by Tom Steele and songs by Romanovsky and Phillips. Everyone is invited to bring audio or pictorial examples of what they find humorous about gay life to share with others.

For more information, contact LAHR, PO Box 11052, Lansing, MI 48901; telephone (517) 372-8519.

LOS ANGELES

Michael Hartley, a researcher at the California School of Professional Psychology believes that spiritual healing may help combat AIDS by building immunocompetence in gay men.

Hartley, who uses the ancient Buddhist teachings of Reiki to help people increase conscious control over physical health, begins research this month which will attempt to document the effects of natural healing of the immune system. The research will monitor T-cell levels of participants before and after they complete workshops with Hartley in the practice of Reiki.

Hartley is a Reiki Master who teaches workshops on the healing arts. His interest in helping persons with AIDS and persons who have been exposed to the AIDS virus has led him to develop workshops that help gay men improve their immune responses. The 6-day residential workshops utilize such techniques as Reiki, Aikido, Dreamwork, Creative Visualization, and Gestalt.

"Being gay in a non-gay culture is probably a significant stressor relating to lower observed immune competence levels," says Hartley. "It is not the stressor that is the real problem, but our perception of and reaction to it."

For more information on participation or research, call Ken Bower at (213) 657-3329.

JEFFERSON CITY

The Missouri Supreme Court recently upheld that state's sexual misconduct law which outlaws sexual activities between consenting adults of the same gender. The decision follows a similar ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on a similar state law in Georgia.

The 5-2 decision affirmed that the state could criminalize homosexual behavior as part of its role in "implementing and promoting public morality."

STOCKTON

Looking for that perfect weekend get-away? Why not try Stockton, California's Sunrise Seaport. Our Emperor, Terry XIII, did in his recent State Vacation in the Dominion, a first such visit by a reigning C.G.N.I.E. Emperior.

Start your breakfast, brunch, or lunch at a favorite spot of the Viceroy, Cedar's Cafe, 701 E. Main at Stanilaus Street. Dale is a very friendly host, the atmosphere is informal, and plates start at about two bux. For that special dinner, try Chez Zabeth in the Warehouse, 445 W. Weber Avenue at Tuleberg Levee Road. This straight-owned French restaurant has been so supportive of the gay community that they have earned our patronage. Plates start at about six bux.

Want to end the evening dancing? Visit the Paradise, 4206 N. Westlane. Or, if you wish a quiet drink in a real friendly bar, The Bootstrap is for you; 147 N. Aurora is the address and Smokey is your host.

While in Stockton, visit Serventi's, 7147 Pacific Avenue, where Beranrd and Anthony will help you choose just the right custom-designed window covering to make your home even more special.

Want to pick up a great video? Drop into Captain Video at 6032 N. Pacific Avenue (look for the big green M of J. Marengo Centre).

Our Delta City Family, the largest social group is Stockton, welcomes all visitors and residents alike. Their next monthly pot luck will be October 18. Call the Director, Bob Malera, at 464-2485 for location.

A perfect finale to a perfect weekend might be services at MCC Stockton: Sunday nights at 2737 Pacific Avenue. Worship classes are at 5:00 PM and Services start at 7:00 PM.

Want more info on Stockton? Well, we're on pages 103 & 104 of Bob Damron's '87 Address Book.

NEW YORK

The March on Washington Committee has issued a Call For A March on Washington in 1987 concerning Lesbian/gay and AIDS-related issues. The Committee was formed at a meeting of representatives of national lesbian/gay organizations and other interested individuals in New York City in July.

Every lesbian/gay organization in the U.S. is invited to send two or more representatives to an organizing conference in New York City, November 14-16, 1986, to establish the demands, set the date, develop the structure, choose the leadership, and plan the work for the March.

Information may be obtained from the Committee at PO Box 1876, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10011.

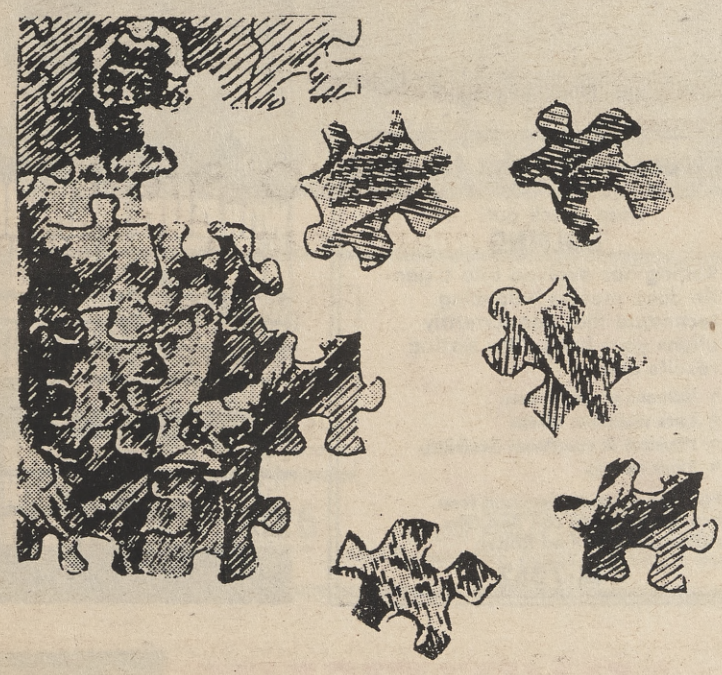
SAN FRANCISCO

Carole Migden, longtime activist in the gay community, was recently elected chair of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee.

The Committee is the means ... which local people influence ...te and national Democratic Party policy. It also organizes voter registration and "get out the vote" drives.

Midgen also holds a statewide party office, having chaired the California Democratic Party's Lesbian and Gay Caucus since 1983.

Migden is the executive directo of Operation Concern, a multi service counseling agency servin the gay community. She served two terms as president of the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club in 1983 and 1984. In 1982, she sought a place on the San Francisco Community College Board, but she came in behind the three incumbents who were re-elected.



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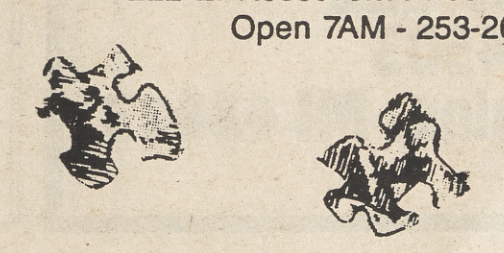

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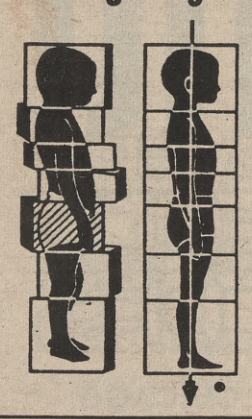
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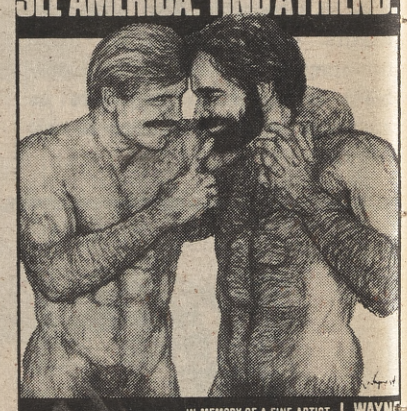
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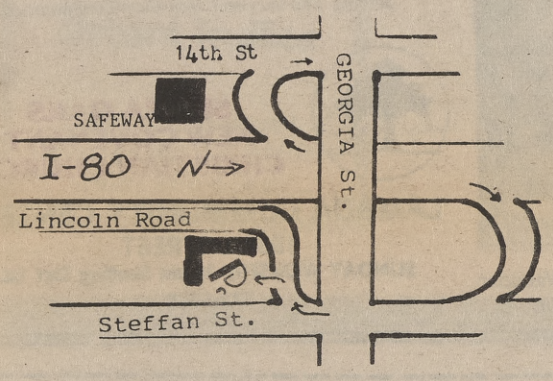

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VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

SACRAMENTO

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind bracing, snow is exhilerating. There is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of weather. Yes, we are beginning to experience all of the above. It's that time of the year again. Yes, that time of year when society is a masked ball, when everyone hides his real character and reveals it by hiding. Yes, it's October again in case you hadn't noticed...I would like to mention first that the rally to end AIDS discrimination by the Citizens For Medical Justice was a success. However, I was very disappointed with Sacramento's participation; I don't know if apathy or just plain freight was the reason. San Fran had between forty and forty-five participants. Sacto had about four! Maybe it wasn't advertised enough. I just don't know; but Sacto's showing was pathetic-...NOTE: We have a "No On 64" rally coming up. I hope the turnout is better. We need your help if we are going to defeat this awful bill. Duke & LaRouche, we are warning you: AIDS could be your waterloo!...At Scandals/BoJangles, Friday nite, October 31: Halloween Festival. $700 in prizes: door prizes, free drinks, free snacks, most original & the best drag will be the highlights. Please note: Starting soon at S/BJ, they will be opening on Monday nites for Mon Nite Football, with special draft beer for fifty cents...The Wreck Room disc jockey, Charlie Tuna's nite. Music: Stroll Down Memory Lane, from 1950 to the present. Sunday, October 12, starting at 5 PM. Wreck Room, D.J. Kurt Lawson's "Boogie Night." This will take place October 19. Yes, Kurt is back. Welome home, Kurt. Wreck Room, Sunday October 26, 6 PM, this is a biggy! An October Feast starting at 6 PM. This is a potluck and an AIDS benefit. Bring your best dish. Everyone is welcome. Please call the Wreck Room (916) 456-1181) or come in to list your dish ahead of time. Remember: All donations go for AIDS. Wreck Room, October 31. Friday, Friday, Bloody Friday, Special Bloody Beer Prices. Prizes for the bloodiest, general & the best couple. Watch for more details later...October 13, Nurse Ames will have a Columbus Day Dinner. Check for time. To be held at The Mercantile. October 17, Our Duchess LaKish will be celebrating her 67th birthday, or thereabouts. Held at The Merc. Our own Aunt Charlie will hold an Avon party at The Merc from 4 PM til 6 PM on October 26...Another Biggy: GNIE Closet Ball, October 25th, held at the Riverside Country Club in West Sacramento. Starting at 7 PM...Very important: SAGA-2 will be holding an open meeting, Thursday October 30 at the Lambda Community Center. This is an important meeting. We are in the stages of reorganization for SAGA-3, 1990. Also, October 4, SAGA-2 Scotch 4-Ball Scramble at Haggin Oaks Golf Court, starting 11 PM. Participants are Sacramento and The Bay Area...Check at Faces for their October schedule. They have a lot happening.

ASHEVILLE

Persons In Prison Exchange (PIPE), a group of people who want to increase an awareness of the conditions existing in prisons, recently announced the publication of the introductory issue of their newsletter PIPElines.

PIPElines features "voices from inside," statements and articles from persons in prison detailing conditions in their prisons. Also featured is "voices from outside," which identifies organizations that provide services for persons in prison such as ACLU National Prison Project, Prison Pen Pals, Gay Community News Prisoner Project, and Joint Venture (a listing service for gay men in prison seeking pen pals). PIPElines will be published monthly beginning October 1986.

PIPE supports prison reform, alternatives to prison sentencing, and the eventual elimination of the prison and sentencing systems existing today. PIPE views prisons as cruel and unusual punishment. PIPE conducts an on-going survey of prison conditions with the help of persons in prison who volunteer their time.

PIPE is seeking men and women who can devote a little time to writing letters each week to provide moral support, encouragement, and a sense of caring to persons in prison. PIPE also encourages the formation of small community groups to discuss ideas for improving conditions in prisons and to write letters to appropriate officials with recommendations for change.

Persons interested in an introductory issue of PIPElines, or information on writing letters to persons in prison, or for forming community groups may contact Al Bouchard, PIPE Coordinator, PO Box 1668, Asheville, NC 28802.

PORTLAND

The Counseling Center For Sexual Minorities (CCSM) operates the Gay/Lesbian Hotline in Portland, Oregon.

Persons who volunteer to work on the hotline receive training in a variety of subjects including: AIDS, crisis intervention, gender dysphoria, bisexuality, and suicide prevention.

In addition, the organization features social events and other activities including potlucks.

For more information, contact SSCM at PO Box 4852, Portland, OR; telephone (503) 228-6785.

ALBUQUERQUE

The third Desert States Conference will be held in Albuquerque March 27-29, 1987. Planning is now underway for the annual event. The Desert States organization includes Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Utah.

A theme has been chosen: "If Not Now, When?" People are needed to facilitate workshops or contribute in other ways. For more information, contact Michael at (702) 457-2591.

RIVERSIDE

PACE, the gay political-action committee for the Riverside/San Bernardino area, will host a reception for Dr. Evelyn Hooker, a psychologist who pioneered the concept, in the 50s, that homosexuals are as healthy as heterosexuals. During the 50s, the concept was considered to be a radical one.

Dr. Hooker will discuss the current repressive and hostile political climate as it compares with the McCarthy era of the 50s.

The reception will be at a private home in Riverside on Sunday, October 19 from 2:00 to 5:00. Phone (714) 682-8105 for directions. Refreshments will be served.

WEST HOLLYWOOD

Nominations for the 1987 Lazarus Award must be received by October 15, 1986. To be eligible, a nominee must be a California resident who has (1) worked for reconciliation between the religious and gay community or (2) contributed to the spirituality of the gay community. The person nominated may be gay or straight. The staff of either the Lazarus Project or the West Hollywood Presbyterian Church are not eligible for nomination.

The Lazarus Project, beginning its tenth year, is a ministry of reconciliation between the church and gays. It is supported by the Presbyterian Church (USA) through the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii, the Presbytery of the Pacific, and the West Hollywood Presbyterian Church.

The Lazarus Award will be presented at the Lazarus Annual Dinner on Saturday, January 24, 1987, at 7:00 PM at the Hyatt House, 8401 Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood, CA. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend. The Lazarus Council selects the recipient.

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For more information, write SOE, PO Box 6272, Modesto, CA 95355.

LAS VEGAS

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-Flag) meets twice monthly in Las Vegas, NV. Meetings are held in the United Way Bldg. at 1055 E. Tropicana, Suite 399.

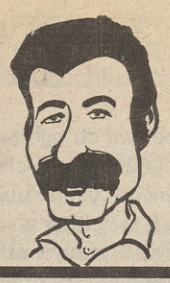
P-FLAG is a group which promotes better understanding and acceptance among parents and friends of gay people. The group has a special emphasis on communicating with gay youth who need the support of understanding friends.

The Las Vegas chapter has literature available on problems which gay youth and their families often encounter. For further information, contact the club's president at (702) 731-1387.

KANSAS CITY

Gay Talk, Kansas City's (MO) gay information and crisis intervention phone line, periodically holds training sessions for new and prospective volunteers.

Last year The Gay Talk phone line, which is (816) 931-4470, operates every evening after 5 PM. The volunteers who staff the line are not professional counselors; they are trained through both initial training programs and continuing-education sessions. Professional counselors do, however, serve as advisors. The line has been in operation for over ten years.



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NEW MEXICO

New Mexico, "The Land of Enchantment", is our fifth largest state; yet the entire population is just over a million. About half the inhabitants are of Latin or Indian descent.

Among its many scenic wonders are the Carlsbad Caverns, Chaco Canyon, El Morro, White Sands, and Bandelier National monuments, Taos, historic Cimarron, Rio Grande River, Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation, Ruidoso resort area, and deserted ghost towns along the Santa Fe Trail.

It was here in 1945 near the small town of Los Alamos that the world was ushered into the Atomic Age.

Except for an occasional chance encounter with a skier, a cowboy, or a hitchhiker, what gay action there is usually takes place in Albuquerque or Santa Fe, the two largest cities (only seventy miles apart) which are as different as night and day.

Santa Fe was founded in 1609, making it the oldest capital city in the U.S.A. Its picturesque low adobe-brick buildings date from colonial days. With a population of about 50,000, Santa Fe is one of the strangest little cities in America. It is hip, artsy-craftsy, and culturally inclined. Both here and in nearby Taos are world-famous art colonies. The Santa Fe opera is an excellent company that performs during July and August. Taos Pueblo is a must, and other sightseeing can include the old Spanish missions, museums, Palace of the Governors, and the somewhat unsightly State Capitol building.

For its size, Santa Fe has a large gay population, but it consists largely of couples and is very closety. The bars are mixed and vary from day to day. If one place gets too 'open,' the city fathers come down on it; and the crowd moves on. Currently, tops is Sam's Back Door, a disco at 2841 Cerrillos Road. Victor's is a pretty elegant mixed restaurant at 423 W. San Francisco.

For good straight dining, try the Compound, Palace, Pink Adobe, Rancho de Chimayo, Rancho Encantado, and the Casa Cordova in Taos.

Albuquerque, with a population of nearly 400,000, is by far the largest city in the state. But in my opinion, whatever it is this place never had, it still doesn't have. I used to stay at the Royal Motor Inn across the street from the Albuquerque Social Club (formerly Heights). The two parking lots were quite cruisy. On my last visit, I tried the new Marriott Hotel. I should have stayed at the Royal, where the parking lots are still cruisy. The Marriott is not, unless you include the waiters at Nicole's.

Albuquerque has never been known for its gourmet cuisine. Two of the best restaurants aren't even in town. The Casa Vieja is located north of Corrales, and the Luna Mansion is 20 miles south in Las Lunas. For elegant hotel dining, Nicole's at the Marriott has better service, but the Mayfair at the Regent has the best food in town. Garduno's and La Esquina offer New Mexico styled Mexican food, which can't compare with California's or Arizona's. "Old Town" restaurants include Pa Placita, La Hacienda, High Noon, Maria Teresa, and other 'theme' places. They are casual and touristy.

Points of possible interest are Isleta Indian Pueblo, the National Atomic Museum, the drab campus of the University of New Mexico, and the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway—the largest in America. The new Civic Plaza and Crossroads Mall is very attractive and can be cruisy. Albuquerque is also known as the "hot air baloon capital of the world" if that happens to be your bag. The Baloon Fiesta is held in October and State Fair in September.

New Mexico clubs are open until 2:00 AM, but close at 12:00 midnight on Sundays. The oldest bar in town is the Albuquerque Social Club at 4021 Central Avenue N.E.; enter through the parking lot in the rear. The Back Entry is a small cruise bar that gets some older guys and western types. The Voyager at 7209 Central Avenue N.E. is the best physical plant in town.

Foxe's at 8521 Central Avenue N.E. used to be the 'hottest' men's cruise bar between Phoenix and San Antonio, but it lost some of its character and clientele when they added a disco. Women like Corky's or Crickets while some drags and twinkies can be found at the Climax. Albuquerque used to have a very busy bath, but it closed long before bath closings became popular.

Madame Lovejoy's, the Pussycats, and other bookstores still dot the 4200 block of Central Avenue N.E., offering peepshows and cruisy arcades, but AYOR.

If New Mexico does not offer the most exciting gay clubs in America, it does offer many tourist activities. Skiing, hiking, snowmobiling, horseback riding, hunting. and fishing are popular throughout the state. Mineral springs, rodeos, and fiestas are of interest to some, and the golf course at Cloudcroft has the dubious distinction of being, at 9000 feet, the highest in the United States. From the low deserts along the Pecos River, to the Rocky Mountains high, physically New Mexico is a marvelous land of startling and beautiful contrasts.

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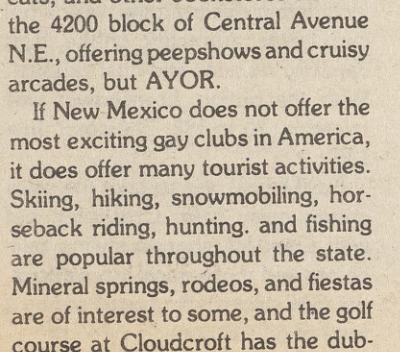

RALPH

and there is more...

Hey, the column is due! It suddenly struck me this morning that the usual deadline is breathing down my neck! What to do about that? Well, the possible responses including going and hiding under the bed and hoping it will all go away; copying something someone else had said; resigning my post; writing a letter saying I am ill (which I am not!) and cannot deliver a column.... Actually, the list could go on forever, and you could complete it better than I could, for I'm sure that you have resorted to as many excuses and escapes from responsibility as I have.

There are a thousand ways to not do anything. There is only one way to do it, and that is simple: DO IT!

So, I share with you my process this mid-September morning of 1986, when it is beginning to get crispy cool and the leaves are beginning to color, here in northern New Jersey! Greetings! Let us reason together today...and let our topic be "Taking Responsibility!"

I can think of no single project that you might take on that would do more toward transforming your life and letting it begin to truly work than asking that you take a look at becoming responsible. Indeed, if there is one signle reason why the world is pretty obviously *not* working at this point it is because 99.44% of the people on this planet are *not* being responsible. It begins at the simple, everyday level of kicking the cat or yelling at your mate—and then saying that they made you do it. Or, failingy to check the oil in your car and burning up the motor because it ran out of oil, and then suing the garage, or the car dealer, or (again a very handy one) blaming your mate because s/he *must* have (you name it!) And...it extends to international diplomacy at the higher levels.

You see, I could say the column was not ready because I have been so busy! (I have!) Or, I could say it was because I had the flu (I did, for about 24 hours, last weekend.!) Or, possibly I could conclude that it's just a waste of time and I really don't want to write. (I considered that one, but it won't fly either!) What I am forced to do, if I am responsible, is acknowlege that I had simply let time slip away and not written the column (as is my usual wont) a few days after the previous month's column has been mailed. What is actually true is very simple: I am responsible for producing a monthly column and getting it off on time. AND, I have not done that and no other person or thing can be responsible for that except me. And, if I am responsible, I must set aside everything else, and write the column!

Lest you think this an exercise in self-flagelation, let me assure you that I am not much of a masochist. I do believe, however, in whatever there is going on for me is grist for the mill and an opportunity for me to learn. And, beyond that, perhaps just a chance, an opportunity to teach...which is what this is all about.

Take a careful look at your own life, at any part of it that seems right now to not work. And then, take a look at what reason you find for why it is not working. Do a thorough search!

What did you come up with? A difficult boss at work? An intransigent attitude on the part of your parents? Complete wrongheadedness of your mate? A cruel and ruthless world out there that is out to get you? Or what? What did you come up with as a cause?

Werner Erhard, of est, has a very incisive definition of responsibility, He first points out that the issue has nothing to do with fault, or blame, or right/wrong, but only with being responsible. And then he says it more or less like this: Responsibility involves having the willingness to come from the point of view that you may be at cause in the matter. Get it? YOU may be at cause!

A Course in Miracles, which I've mentioned before in this column, says something that bears on this. It points out that true forgiveness recognizes that what you thought your brother (sister, mother, mate) did to you never happened. Now, that one

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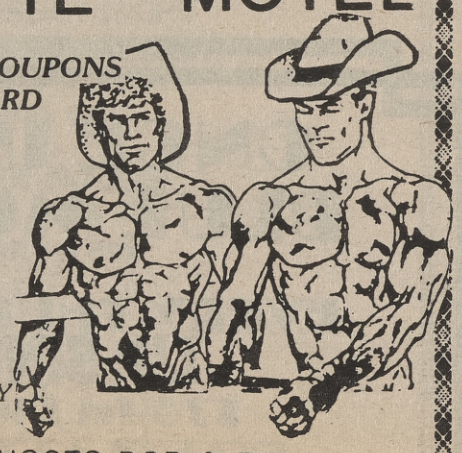

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is really wild! It comes from way out in left field.

Well, let me point out that both Werner's definition of responsibility and the *Course's* definition of forgiveness are interlocking notions! What most of us do is live our lives out of avoiding responsibility, always worshiping what one writer called the bitch Goddess, 'looking good.' We all want to look good and will go to almost any lengths to do so. And I don't just mean the right haircut or the just so clothing style. We want the world out there to see that we are totally OK. The actual truth is that we really feel, down deep, that we aren't OK, and out of our attempt to escape from that we will always project our deep-rooted sense of lack or impropriety onto someone else. Someone did it to us! Yes, that's it. We are then able to go scot-free. Or, so we believe.

The problem is, of course, that the deep down is never quite disappeared by this. If fact, it is left there to cook and simmer, ever growing larger, thus becoming ever deeper, darker, and more threatening to our own sense of self-worth.

There's only one way out of that morass. Take responsibility. Forgive. And then get on with it.

So I take responsibility for not doing this column sooner. I forgive anyone, including the universe which seemed to have sent me 24-hour flu, and my college teaching job, which is now taking up much of my time. Then the completion step: I write this column. It's as simple as that. I did not say it was easy; but it is simple. You can do the same.

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ROLLING SCULPTURE

A History Of
The American Motorcar
by Doug Robinson

Forgotten Fords: 1955-1956

The Year: 1955. By far, it was Detroit's greatest year up to that time, with automobile production reaching nearly 8 million units. It was a record that would stand for a decade.

The popularity of the '55 models wasn't due just to the nation's properity or the role that a new car played in the structure of the good life in America; it was mostly due to the simple fact that the 1955 cars were good looking and people wanted them, payments be damned!

1955 was a year of maturity for Ford. It had always been a down-home, folksy kind of car; but now she was growing up and determined to be a glamour gal!

Production of 1955 Fords numbered more than 1,451,000 units, and 127,301 of those were Mainliners, a no-frills basic transportation model. It was said that the Mainliner was "Practically unsaleable. People do not want it."

What people did want was the new "top of the line" series named after Henry Ford's Dearborn mansion, Fair Lane. All 6 Fairlane models carried flashy fender trim originally intended for the Thunderbird, identifying them as the flagships of the Ford line-up.

In his "Owner's Report" on the 1955 Ford, Floyd Clymer reported in ***Popular Mechanics*** (July 1955) that the number-one reason cited by Ford owners for their purchase was styling.

In Ford sales brochures, it was noted that "The crisp, clean lines that characterize the '55 Fords were inspired by the Thunderbird, the brilliant new personal car by Ford."

Beneath the new Ford "Crestmark" bodies was a new frame with a lower center section and more kickup at the extremities. Sedans and wagons had a K-shaped center cross member. The Sunliner convertible and Victoria hardtop received extra stiffness through the use of an X-shaped support. Ford's ball joint suspension, introducted in 1954, was carried over into '55 with a number of changes, most important of which was angling the front wheel spindles forward by three degrees. The result: "Angle Poised Ride." It was claimed to reduce road shock to passengers by 15 percent.

The Fordomatic transmission was further refined to provide "Speed-Trigger" take-offs. When the accelerator was fuly depresseed, starting from a standstill would be made with the transmission in low gear. In normal traffic situations when the accelerator was partially depressed, the transmission would begin in second gear.

The overhead valve V8 engine, introduced in 1954 at 239 cu. in. and 130 horses, was increased to 272 cu. in. and 162 horses for 1955.

A mid-year option was offered on Fairlanes equipped with V8 engines and Fordomatic transmissions. The 7.6:1 compression heads were replaced with 8.5:1 units; also included in this package were 4 bbl carburator, automatic choke, high capacity radiator and dual exhaust. With the option, horsepower was raised by 20 to 182. The cost? Just $35!

Ford's goal was to take the sales crown away from Chevrolet; yet with a new V8, sharper styling, new colors and mechanical innovations, the GM sales leader beat Ford by a total of 67,000 cars.

The stage was now set for the 1956 battle of sales between Ford and Chevrolet. And then Ford did something in '56 that the "Big Three" seldom do, namely, step too far ahead of public opinion.

BETTER BOOKS!

THE LITTLE DEATH, by Michael Nava. Boston: Alyson Publications, Inc. (1986)

Reviewed by Jay Harrison

"Grief is half of justice, the other half is hope." So ends this skillful mystery, the first novel of Michael Nava.

However fuzzy the sentiment, Nava's young gay-lawyer detective,

Henry Rios, is a likeable hero. A public defender, recently turned criminal lawyer looking for his first dime, Rios is still mechanized by the idea that justice can prevail, that honety is a virtue and love a reason for action.

Therefore, Rios belongs to the honored fraternity of detectives who go it alone, when necessary, trusting in their intuition combined with luck and a certain amount of leg/library work, swirled around with whisky and occasional sex—so long as it isn't a seriously corrupting influence.

It must be said straightaway that this is not your typical cheap gay book (of which Alyson Publications is so fond). It is neither a self-indulgent coming-out, nor a self-pitying tale of love, requited or otherwise. It doesn't steam. The title is about as sexy as this story gets. Henry Rios, while not permanently attached, and not always clear about his goals, is healthily homosexual. A good lawyer and—being poor forked man—vulnerable, he wears his colors easily.

Early in the book, Henry becomes slightly, and then more, involved with Hugh Paris, attractive heir, as it turns out, to an old San Francisco fortune, accumulated, as such things often are, through greed, malice, and the steely ability to kill.

Hugh Paris, who the reader right away hopes will be a lover of some endurance for Rios, is instead the first to die. His body, hyped with heroin, is found in a creek on the university campus (author Nava's allusions to Stanford are only gauzily veiled). So ends the blossoming love affair. So begins the relentless pursuit of the whole messy truth. During the unravelling, we're reminded again and again of the decadent influence of money, on family and attorneys alike. Literally, it can buy anything but eternal life.

Michael Nava's understanding of certain issues of law, inheritance in particular, seems convincing, at least to one in no position to contest him. His dialogue is snappy and varied, his description of place sometimes quite lyrical, his small "human" moments quite touching.

Maybe it's merely an aspect of the morally upright detective genre, but Nava's people never have a chance to develop as characters. And not just because they get bumped off. The author, satisfied with creating types, leaves them little space in which to grow into individuals. Every one of them is quickly forgettable—the least so, Hugh Paris' mother, an alcoholic poetess who lives with the complexity of her past decisions.

The Little Death is a pleasant, but not gripping, foray into genre fiction. When (if) Nava decides to deepen his intentions, he may wake up one morning, surprised and pleased, a serious author.

FAUX PAS

by Ed E. Kett

Dear Edwards,

I've had my eye on this hot bartender for the longest time, but he keeps playing hard to get. You'd think he'd know I'm after him because whenever he's working, I'm sitting at his end of the bar. But no. I get straight talk from him one moment and double talk the next. Sometimes he talks about his lover, and at other times he acts footloose and fance free. All of my attempts to get his phone number and/or address have failed. How can I (politely, of course) nail this humpy hunk down?

Yours,
Austin

Dear Austin,

Actions speak louder than words, and obviously you haven't heard the message. Sounds like this guy doesn't intend upon being nailed down by you. A gentleman would give up on this one and go elsewhere the next time he was in search of a tall cool one.

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LOVING FRIEND
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GWM, positive, funny, somewhat-settled, 43, 5'8", 180. My interests include: skiing, long distance bicycling, hiking, trips to the seashore, the desert, or San Francisco, biology (my work), good food and wine, movies, languages, Zen spiritual values. Looking for someone to share adventurous and quiet times. I have no agenda; just want to meet people whose interests overlap with mine and let the relationship develop. I would be most comfortable with people between the ages of 30 and 50, no-smokers. Reply to Fred, PO Box 4035, Davis, CA 95617. (611CS)

YOU'RE OUT THERE! That I know! You're a young, slender man who appreciates a mature lover & looks for a secure relationship. I am young 40s, active, but not into the bar scene, & am a versatile, warm person. Love cooking, music, classic movies, dinners out, travel & intimate parties. I weigh 162 lbs., 5'11", brown hair & eyes with trimmed beard & moustache. I am looking for you to share my home, life & travel. If you're warm, loving & ready to meet your future, send phone no. & photo if possible to: PO Box 653, Reno, NV 89504.

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Unscramble the letters and see what wise saying he has for us.
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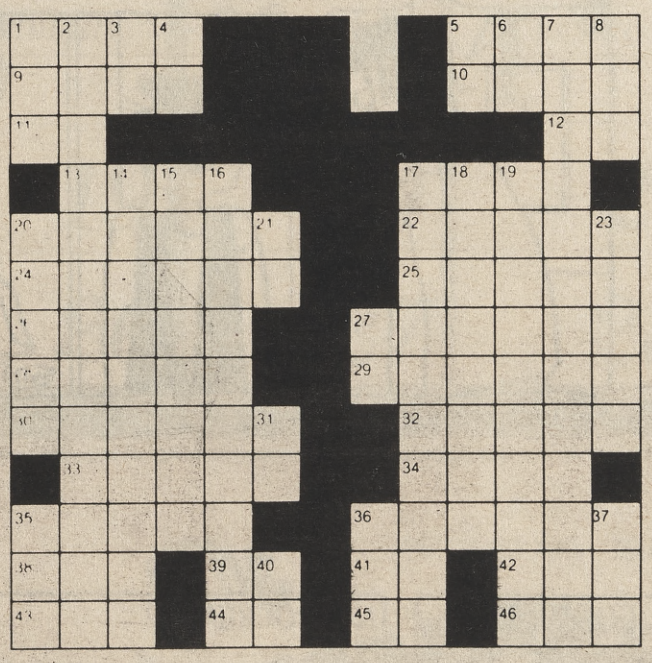

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16. Nasal blow also (2 words)
17. Quite recklessly
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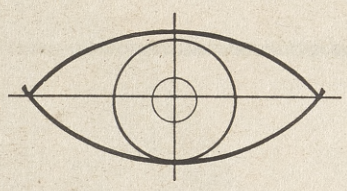

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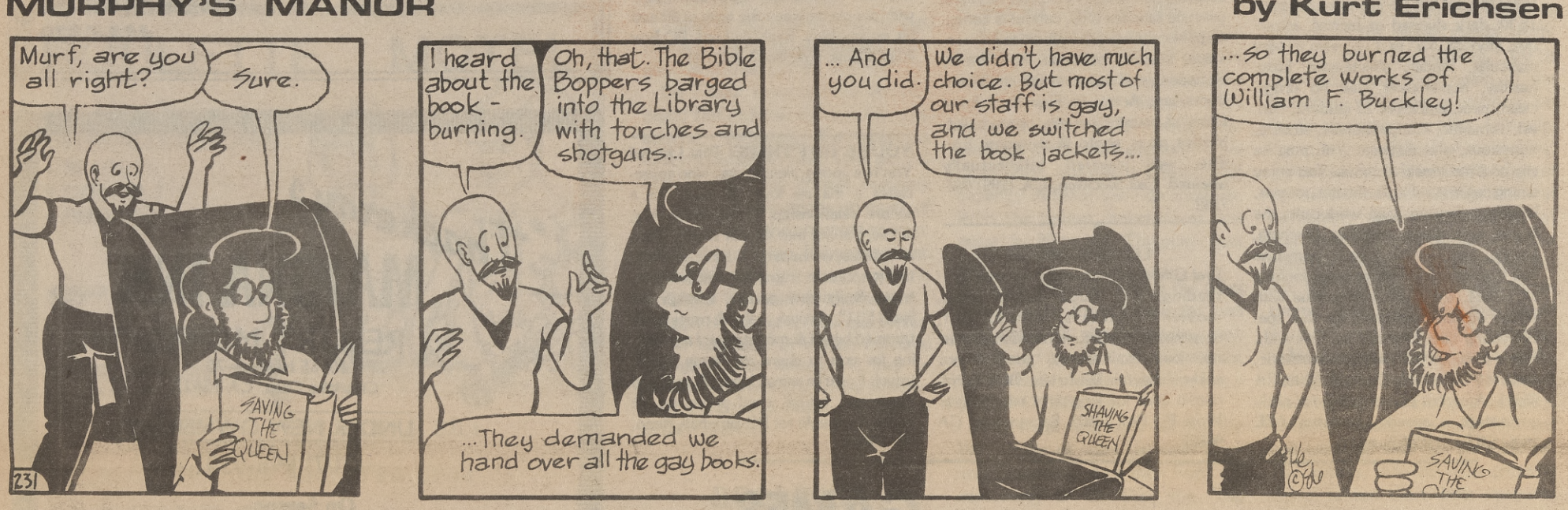
Murf, are you all right?
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SHAVING THE QUEEN
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OKAY. WHAT IS IT?
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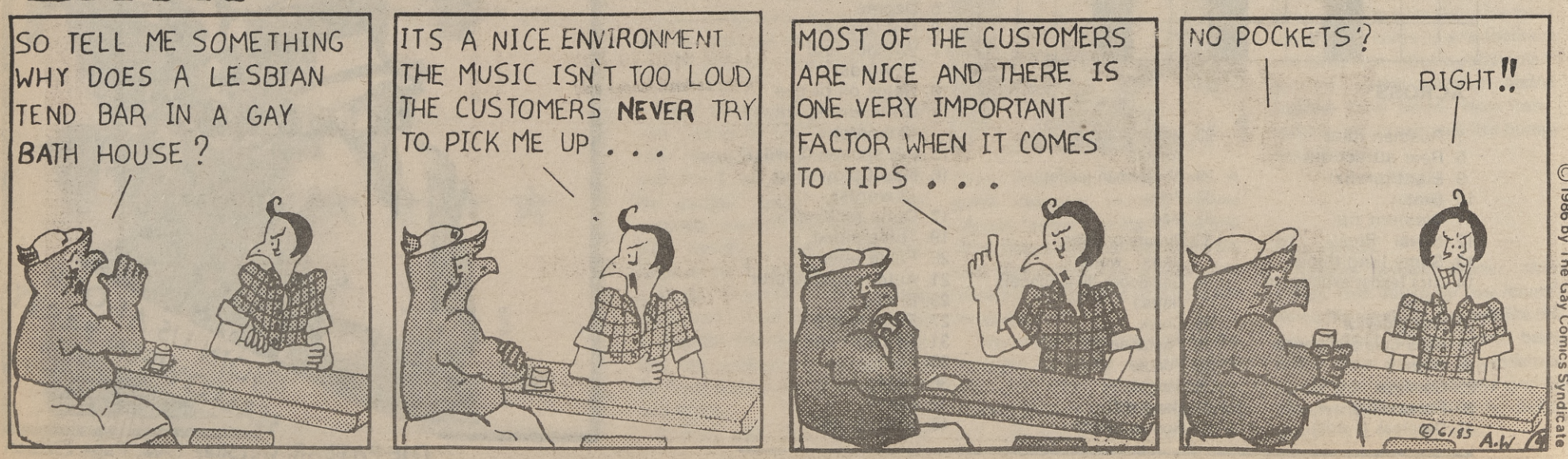
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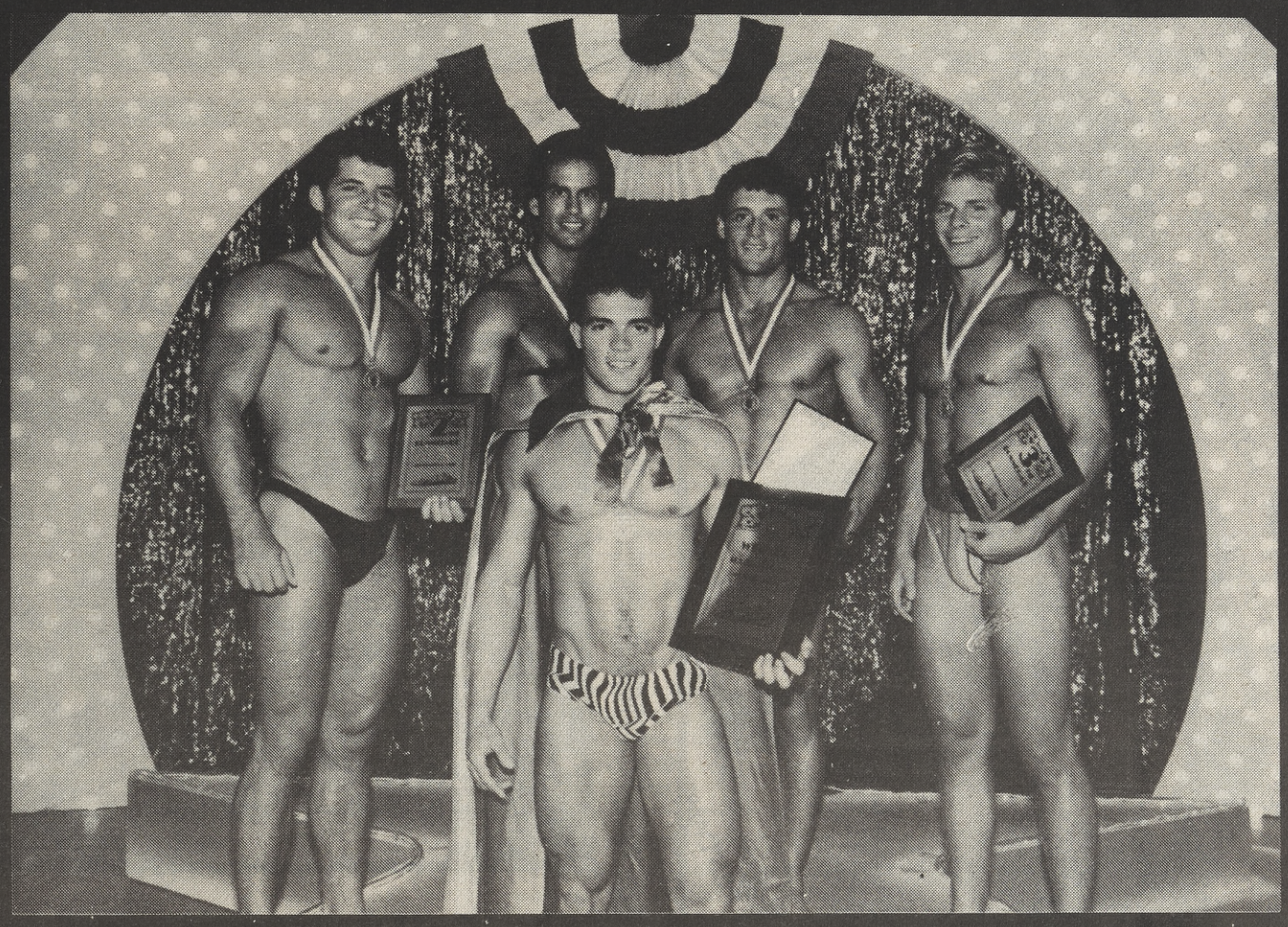

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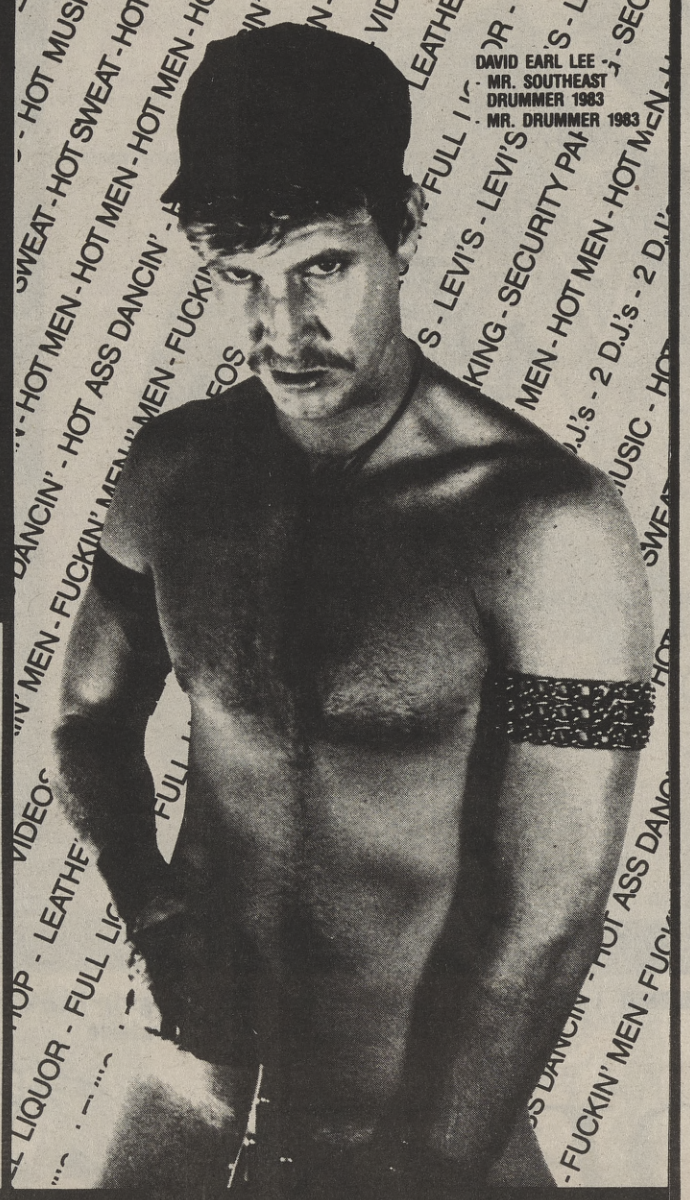

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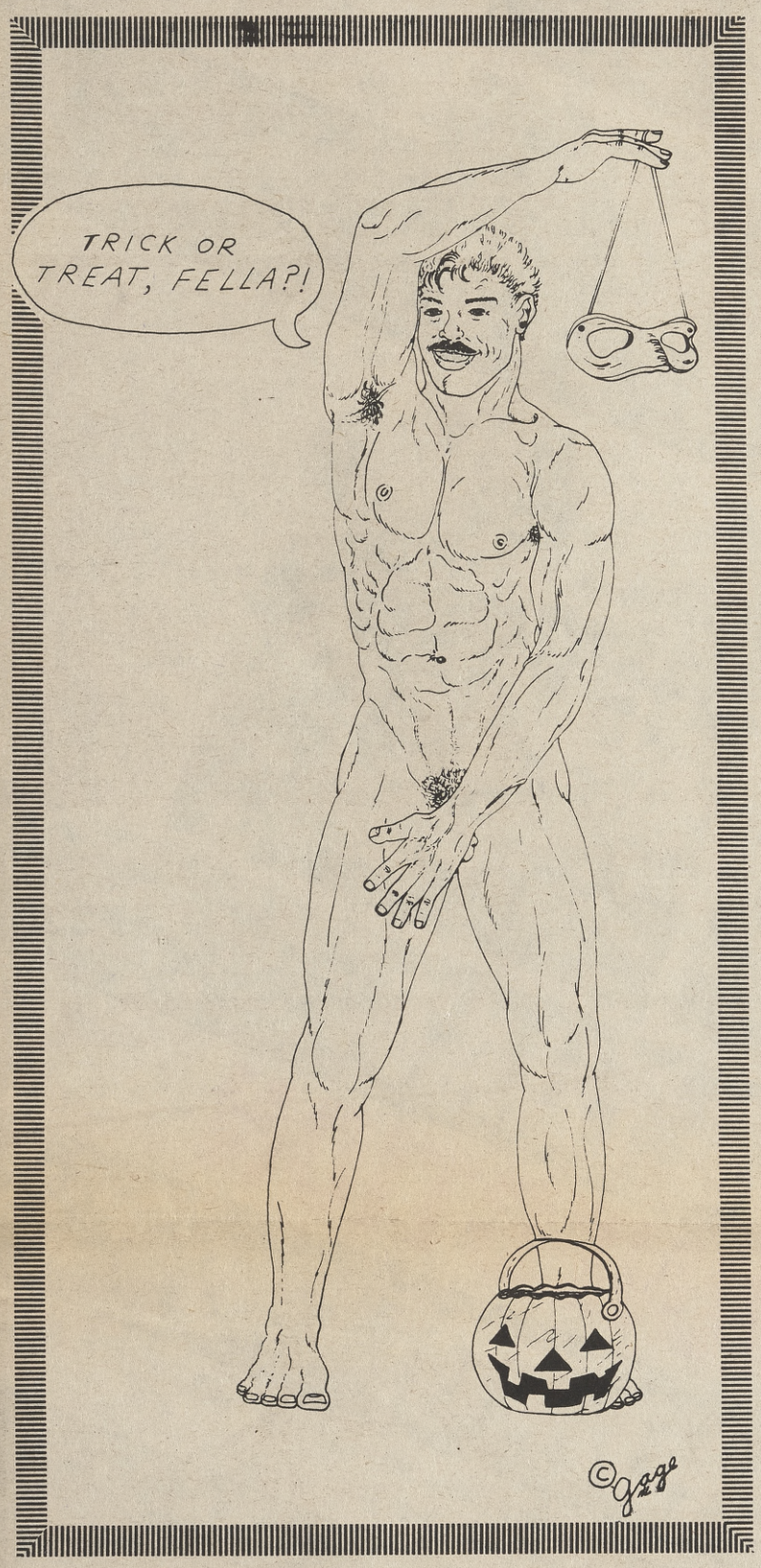

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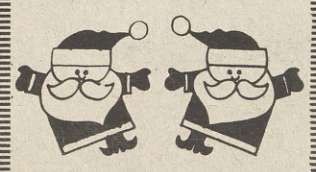

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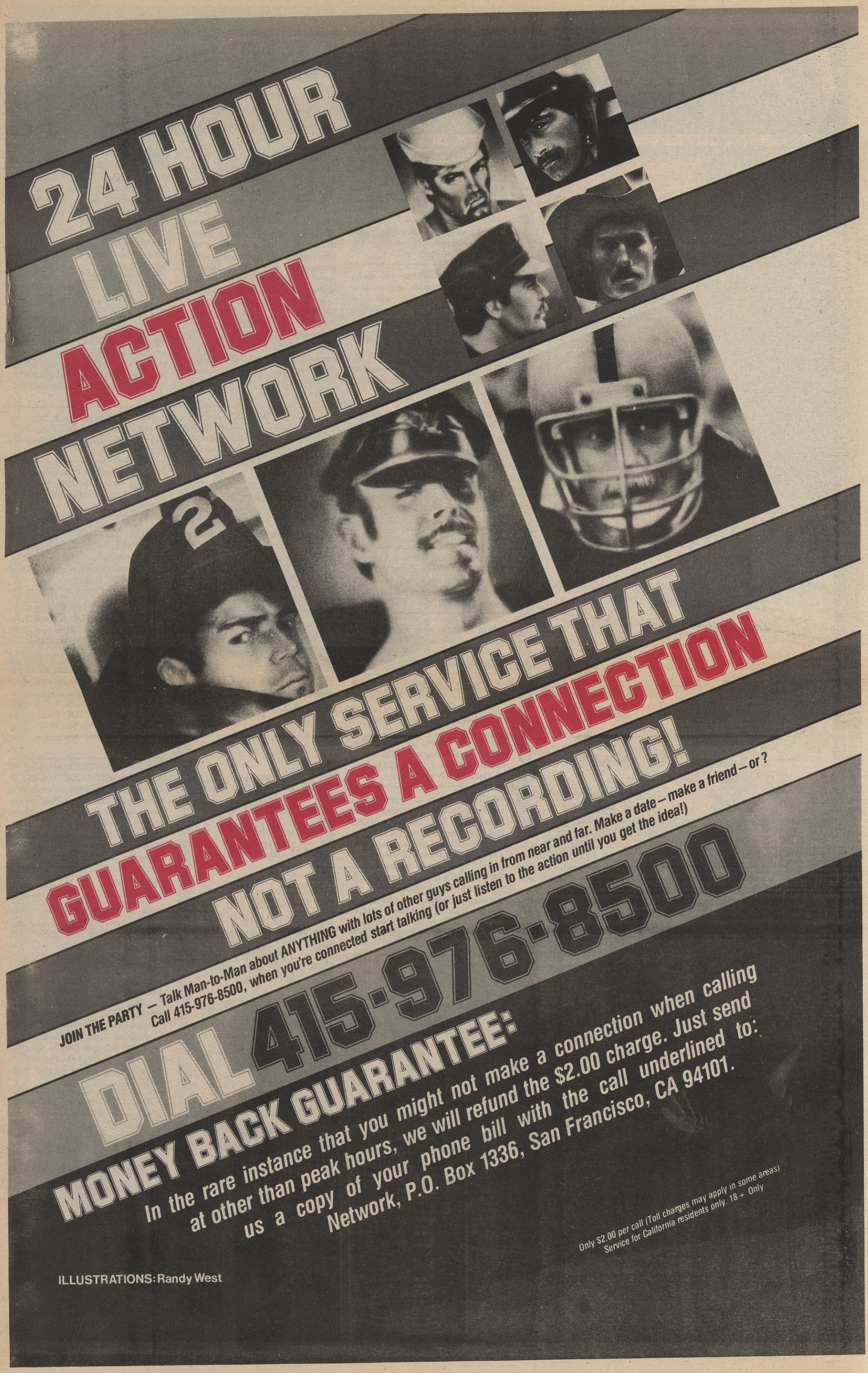
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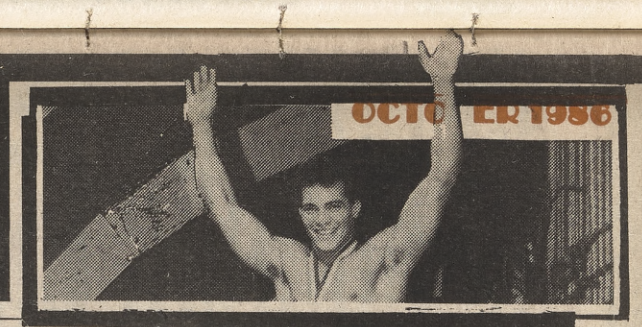

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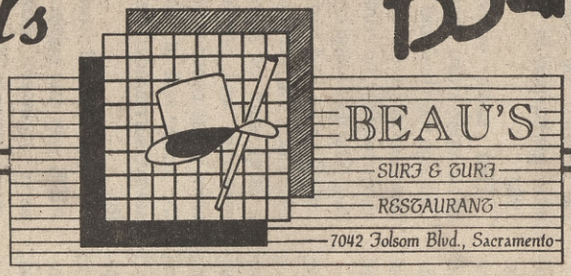

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